

 an audio input for receiving an audio signal from a microphone;

 at least two audio inputs for receiving at least two audio source signals from respective independent audio sources, both the at least two audio source signals contribute to the audio signal input to the microphone from being within a proximity of the sensitivity range of the microphone,

wherein the audio cancellation module being operative to produce a speech signal by canceling the at least two audio source signals from the audio signal that are received by the microphone; and

a speech recognizer for recognizing at least part of the speech signal.

6. (Twice Amended) A speech recognition apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the speech recognition apparatus includes at least one audio input for receiving an external audio source signal from an audio source unit that is external to the speech recognition apparatus; the audio source signal from the audio source unit that is external to the speech recognition apparatus being received substantially for the purpose of canceling the external audio source signal from the microphone signal.

7. (Twice Amended) A consumer electronics system comprising:

 at least two audio source apparatuses;

an audio cancellation module, including:

an audio input for receiving an audio signal from a microphone; and

at least two audio inputs for receiving independent audio source signals from respective ones of the audio source apparatuses, at least two of the independent

✓ audio source signals contribute to the audio signal from the microphone by a proximity of
the at least two audio source signals to within a sensitivity range of the microphone;
the audio cancellation module being operative to produce a speech signal by
canceling the at least two independent audio source signals from the audio signal from
the microphone; and
a speech recognizer for recognizing at least part of the speech signal.

④ 9. (Twice Amended) A system as claimed in claim 8, wherein at least one of the
independent audio source signals is received via the communication network from the
associated audio source apparatus.

✓ 11. (Twice Amended) An audio cancellation module, comprising:
an audio input for receiving an audio signal from a microphone; and
at least two audio inputs for receiving audio source signals from respective
independent audio sources, both the at least two audio source signals contribute to the
audio signal from the microphone from being within a proximity to a sensitivity range of
the microphone;
the audio cancellation module being operative to produce a speech signal by
canceling the at least two audio source signals from the audio signal received from the
microphone.